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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SCHEDULING
COMMUNICATION USING A STAR SWITCHING FABRIC

Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. No representation is made that a search has been made, that the references are material to the patentability of the present application, or that the references qualify as prior art.

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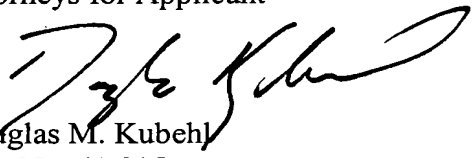
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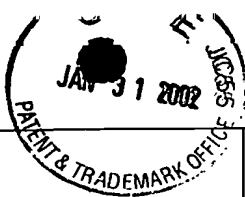
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